

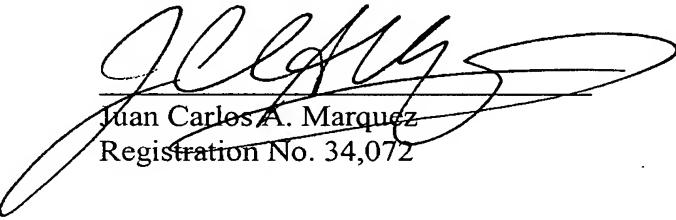
REMARKS

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the substitute drawings for Figs. 17, 18, 21 and 22 be accepted. As noted above, This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/916,286 filed on July 30, 2001. That parent application included all of the figures including Figs. 17, 18, 21 and 22 therein. The above-noted parent application was incorporated by reference (see Item 1). Further, the specification of this Divisional application explicitly describes all of the drawings, including the inadvertently omitted Figs. 17, 18, 21 and 22. Therefore, under MPEP 201.06(c), Figs. 17, 18, 21 and 22 should properly be accepted.

In view of the above amendments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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